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## See you again on Nov. 22

This is "Soccer Action's" second last issue of 1978. The last will appear on November 22.

It will be a special souvenir edition to mark the visits of Olympiakos and Vardar Skopje.

"Soccer Action" will then go into recess. Its reappearance in 1979 will coincide with the start of the Ampol Cup series.

"Soccer Action" was born in early 1976. Since then its popularity has grown steadily and it is now the leading soccer publication in Australia.

For this we thank our readers, our contributors and our advertisers.



## Mighty Croatia

Essendon Croatia last Sunday added the 1978 State League Cup to the Ampol Cup and State League championship it had won earlier.

The team is, back row from left - Bill

McArthur (coach), Dujo Zemunik (assistant coach), Miro Franic, John Gardiner, Alan Kerr, Grant Smart, Ante Bilaver, Carl Gilder, Yakkia Banovic, Steve Kokoska, Eddie Krnecic, Joe Sigur (president),

mitteeman Frank Burin (manager). Front row - Committee man Bill Beveridge (massieur), Branko Culina, Bill Vojtak, Zjelko Losan, Brian Davidson, Tommy Cumming, Ken Murphy, Howard Andrews.

# NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NEXT SEASON?

A national under 19 competition for clubs in the Philips League may start next season.

The under 19 matches would be played as curtain-raisers to PSL games.

The youth players would travel interstate with the senior teams.

It is estimated that sponsorship of at least \$150,000 is necessary to cover the additional air fares.

A number of large companies are believed to be interested in sponsoring the youth league.

One of the problems the PSL is trying to solve is whether such sponsorship would clash with Philips' Industries' sponsorship of the senior league.

It is expected that each under 19 team would include three or four senior players.

This would enable clubs to reintroduce men who have been out due to injury, and to keep active those members of the senior squad not playing in the first team.

## Vardar to start in Sydney

Vardar Skopje of Yugoslavia will start its Australian tour in Sydney, probably on December 1.

Vardar's opponent is yet to be named but it is believed there have been negotiations with Marconi.

Vardar, which is based in Macedonia, will play two games in Melbourne. Tentative dates are December 3 and 10.

Footscray J.U.S.T., featuring guest players, will be Vardar's opponent in one of the Melbourne games.

Preston Makedonia has also asked for a match. Vardar will play in Adelaide probably on December 6.

**"The most disgusting bit of legislation ever drafted in Victoria..."**

That's Mr Vic Manson's description of Victorian Government legislation which provides for the mainten-

ance of what is called "The Australian Rules Fund".

Mr Manson, chairman of the Victorian Junior Leagues, said the legislation contained "sports racism".

He said no similar legislation exists for



Jimmy Rooney

## Rooney to join Fitzroy

**Jimmy Rooney, the 1977 Australian Player of the Year, is likely to join Fitzroy Alexander.**

South Melbourne Hellas manager Dave MacLaren said this week he was also interested in signing Rooney, but at the moment Fitzroy has the inside running.

However, there will first be much haggling over the transfer fee Marconi is seeking for Rooney. It is reported to be between \$10,000 and \$14,000.

Rooney's contract with Marconi still has a year to run but the brilliant midfielder is adamant that he will move back to Melbourne in December.

Rooney played for Essendon Lions before moving to Sydney in 1969, to join Prague. He then joined APIA and transferred to Marconi early last year for about \$4000.

Victorian State League club Green Gully Ajax wants him as player-coach. Preston Makedonia and Essendon Croatia are also keen to sign him.

However, Rooney said this week he would be playing in the Philips League next season.

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## Victorian Govt. charged with 'sports racism'

soccer although more boys play soccer in Australia than any other sport.

Mr Manson was speaking at the annual meeting of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

The Australian Rules Fund provides money for the encouragement of Australian Rules football and to help people and organisations

to obtain equipment needed to play the game.

Mr Manson recommended to the VSF that it change its name to the Victorian Football Federation.

Not only would it increase soccer's chances of getting more government grants, but it may also generate extra publicity.

Adam's off to England

Newly-appointed coach Jim Adam leaves for England today (Wednesday) to recruit players for the Wests-APIA combined team.

It appears only two or three APIA players will be used in the Philips League team. They are sure to include Rothmans Medalist **Terry Butler** and defender **Bob Smith**.

Jim Adam has been appointed full-time coach of the APIA-Wests team. He took West Adelaide to the championship this year but could not agree on terms for next season.

Players who are not included in the Wests-APIA senior squad will be transfer-listed or asked to play in a lower grade.

Discussions are continuing on the formula whereby the Philips League clubs will field NSW Federation teams next year.

## JANCHEV IS BEST

Ljube Janchev of Meko Holdings was named Tarax Player of the Year at the Victorian Industrial League's presentation night last Saturday.

Courage, best and fairest awards for each division went to:

Division One - Ljube Janchev.

Division Two - Graeme Haynes (Ansett).

Div. 3 East - John Vougaris (Travellers Melbourne).

Div. 3 West - Cane Trajkovski (AU Linden).

Div. 4 East - Mark Minto (RAAF Farnell).

Div. 4 North - Otto Sitzai (Scot).

Div. 4 West - Joe Parks (Pyramids PBS).

By ALEX VESIC

For the second week running, Sutherland staged a remarkable recovery, and defeated favourites Crotia 2:1 in the replay of the Ampol championship at Wentworth Park.

**Johnny Wixells**, the play-on/coach of Sutherland, managed to inspire his players at half time and lead them to victory when very few people among the 8533 crowd believed it possible. He was like a Houdini escape!

In the first 45 minutes, Crotia was on top, playing some great soccer at times. Crotia looked determined to win. With **Marvin Kovacic** back in the side after a long lay-off, and **Tom Basic** replacing **Bruno Cagali**, Crotia looked a yard faster than the side we saw last week.

Led ably by its player/coach **Atti Abonyi**, Crotia attacked vigorously in the opening minutes and could have gone ahead as early as the eighth minute had Basic realised a great scoring opportunity.

**Maurice Sullivan** ran away from **Mitch Hesford** then squared the ball for Basic, some 12 metres away from **Phil Craggs**. A shot by Basic was weak and inaccurate, allowing **Keith Schumann** to clear.

Abonyi was determined to beat his "shadow", **Jim Basterfield**, in this game, but found himself at the end of some very vigorous tackles. Atti lost his temper in the tenth minute of the game, and was promptly booked by an official referee **Tim Davies**.

However, it did not deter the former **Socceroo** and he continued to play well, finishing just behind **Peter Beggs** as the press writers choice for the "man of the match" award.

**SUTHERLAND SHIRE 2 (Hall, Harrington) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Stone) N.S.W. Grand Final replay, at Wentworth Park Crowd: 8533.**

**SUTHERLAND:** Craggs 8, Hesford 7, Wykes 7, Watkiss 7, Dalforno 8, Schumann 9, Hall 7, Meades 7, Beggs 9, Basterfield 8, Harrington 7. **CROATIA:** Watson 7, B. Russell 7, Basic 6, Mullen 7, Smith 8, Svor 7, Kovacic 7, Stone 8, Abonyi 9, J. Russell 17, Sullivan 6.

A few minutes after the unfortunate booking, Abonyi showed a clean pair of heels to Basterfield, but was unfairly challenged by Schuman just inside the area. Abonyi dived, but did not impress Davies, who awarded an indirect free kick to Crotia.

**Walter Savor** set sails for Sutherland's goal in the 15th minute and looked a good bet to make it until brought down from behind on the 25 metre mark. Abonyi hit a great shot from a re-

sultant free kick, but fortunately for Craggs the ball shaved the outside of the post.

Finally Craggs was beaten in the 18th minute.

**Ian Stone**, one of the most skilful players on the park, picked up a penalty 25 metres from the line and hit a scorcher that gave Craggs no chance at all.

A goal up, still attacking in full flight, Crotia looked set for a big score. Somehow, **Mike Dalforno** and **Keith Schumann** ably backed by Craggs, kept Crotia at bay for the rest of the half, giving a glimpse of hope in the second 45 minute period.

Sutherland did manage to venture across the centre line in the first half, but a couple of occasions and amazingly enough could have scored.

**Steve Meades** drew Crotia's keeper Watson before hitting a low drive that was cleared of the line by **Greg Smith** in the 20th minute.

In the 41st, Watkiss could have done more with the rebound that landed at his feet some 22 metres from goal, but his shot went over the bar.

**Peter Wykes** the Sutherland captain, could not have a glimpse of things to come only two minutes after the resumption with a great shot that was pushed over the bar for the first corner to Sutherland in 47 minutes.

Crotia had six corner kicks in the first 45 minutes.

Crotia had its last chance to seal the game in the 50th minute. **Bobby Russell**'s header rammed the crossbar after a corner kick by Sullivan, but the ball stayed in play in favour of Sutherland.

Only a minute later, Schuman beat **Peter Mullin** in the air but his header grazed the outside of the post with Watson beaten.

In the 53rd, **Craig Hall** and Beggs were inches short of a cross by Wykes with Crotia's defence at sixes and sevens.

With 13 minutes gone in the second half the teams were level.



Peter Beggs of Sutherland Shire, the man of the match in the N.S.W. Grand final.



The Sutherland team, tired but happy, after winning the Grand final.

**Mark Harrington**'s corner kick found the head of Beggs, who flicked on for Hall to score from close range.

Sutherland continued to attack and almost went 2-1 up in the 68th minute when Beggs pushed a great ball for Hall. The scorer of Sutherland's first goal, faced with Watson, looked set to score until a desperate dive by **Greg Smith** from behind.

The winner for Sutherland came with 20 minutes of the game remaining.

Hall crossed from the right, Beggs went up for the ball with Crotia's keeper Watson. Watson

could not hold the cross, the ball fell for Mark Harrington.

He slammed it into the net from close range.

With eight minutes remaining, Watkiss almost got his name on the score sheet, following a deflection. The ball ran wide of Smith and Watkiss was on hand to pick up a deflection and with Watson wide and high of Watkiss's goal.

Sutherland was still well on top as the last whistle sounded, and proved to all that favouritism by Crotia in all three games played in this Ampol Cup championship meant nothing. Sutherland won two out of three (4-1 and 2-1) with one game drawn (1-1) proving that the cup had gone to the better team.



Craig Hall of Sutherland

## Deyna all set

From JIM COOK in England

**Kazimierz Deyna**, Poland's World Cup captain, has been given the all-clear to play in the Football League, as Manchester City has been granted a government work permit for him.

Deyna is expected to sign this month, when the Polish season ends. Manchester City has already agreed on terms with Deyna's club, Legia Warsaw.

Three Belgian soccer stars from Antwerp have been jailed after refusing to submit to dope tests by police after the recent European Cup Winners' Cup tie in Brussels, which Antwerp won 3-1 against Barcelona.

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**Ralph Coates**, the former Spurs man who guested with St George this year, is starring for his new club, Orient.

## Stars fade

**Springvale City** beat a Victorian All Stars team 2-1 in an exhibition match at Ross Reserve, Springvale at the weekend.

**Ian Gibon** put the All Stars into the lead but Springvale repiled with goals by Arthur Cherry and Jackie Gollan.

Teams:

ALL STARS — Kastner (Australia); V. Bannon (Fitroy); P. Bannon (Fitroy); G. Bannon (Frankston); V. Murray (Springvale); J. Fox (Frankston); K. Walker (George Cross); J. Gibson (Heathcote); N. Mitten (Alton Rovers); I. McNeil (Hakohi); J. Trout (Croydon); SPRINGVALE — P. Mur; B. Wessels; B. Minatelli; S. Cavigli; S. Civray; J. Gollan; H. Campbell; F. Beard; D. Luca; D. Lawler; A. Cherry.

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More than 18,000 fans watched Norwich City beat England's 1986 World Cup winning team 4-2 in Martin Peters' benefit match.

To star of the English side was Jimmy Greaves.

The curtain-raiser at Wentworth Park before a large crowd of 8500.

With the exception of **Christopoulos** and **Tombedis**, the young Colts failed to impress and I am sure that Rudi will have quite a problem in pruning his team down to 18 players.

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Sandy Irvine, who coached Frankston City (Vic.) this year is reported to be considering a lucrative offer from **Morwall Falcons**.

It is believed the Falcons have offered Irvine a long-term contract, accommodation and employment in a bid to lure the former Juniors star to the Latrobe Valley.

Frankston is almost certain to sign former Albion Leyland forward **Noel Mitten** and **Alan Quinn**.

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# HELLAS' NEW STAR ON SHOW SUNDAY?

**South Melbourne Hellas hopes to fly new recruit Ken Drayford to Australia in time to play against the Australian under 19 team at Middle Park on Sunday.**

Proceeds from the match will aid an appeal for a nursing home in South Melbourne.

South Melbourne manager **Dave MacLaren** signed Drayford in England during the recruiting mission from which he has just returned.

A 21-year-old attacking midfielder, Drayford played for Bromsgrove in the First Division

North of the Southern Premier League. He was on trial with Wolverhampton Wanderers when MacLaren signed him.

"He's an excellent player but not physically strong enough to make it in the English First Division."

For the Phillips League, however, he is ideally suited. He will link up very well with **George Campbell** and **Alan Evans** because he plays telling first-time passes and likes to get involved in one-twos."

South Melbourne's match against **Rudi Gutendorf**'s under 19s will be the first in a

series of warm-up games for its clash with Olympiakos of Greece on November 26.

South Melbourne will play against Victorian State League champion Essendon Croatia at Middle Park on November 12 and probably against Footscray J.U.S.T. on November 19.

The under 19s, who drew 2-2 with APIA reserves in the curtain-raiser to the NSW Grand Final last Sunday, are preparing for the World Youth Championship qualifying games in New Zealand later this month.

**McClelland** and **Christopoulos** scored the under 19s' goals.

The South Melbourne team to meet them on Sunday will be depleted by the absence of **Campbell**, **Munro** and **Lutton**, who are on holidays overseas.

Meanwhile, **Role Basic** and **Les Scheinfug** have been appointed coaches of the Phillips League select sides to meet Olympiakos.

Basic will coach the NSW squad for the game in Sydney on December 2 and Scheinfug will be in charge of the South Australian selection for the game in Adelaide on November 29.

**Wilson, Walsh to stay**

**Coaches Joe Wilson of Altona and Bill Walsh of Sunshine are likely to be re-appointed.**

Walsh, the former Manchester City star, joined Sunshine at the start of the 1978 season and failed narrowly to lift the club into the top four.

Under Wilson, Altona hovered around the relegation zone but the former Wolves and Nottingham Forest man is confident the club will finish near the top in 1979 as it did in '77, its first year in the State League.

"The lads are training one night a week during the close season," said Wilson, "and the club will take the Ampol Cup seriously this time."

"In the past we used the Ampol Cup as warm-up games, but next year we'll be going hard from the start."

Wilson added Altona would be looking for new players during the summer.

Walsh said Sunshine had a quality playing staff but needed another midfielder.

"The team needs an old head in the middle of the park," said Walsh, "someone who can slow things down a bit, and get the side playing football."

Added most of the players intended staying with the club but **Nick Lowe** could be the target of a few others.

"Nick's a very good player," said Walsh. "He has had plenty of experience but is still young, so it is natural other clubs would want him."

"George Cross started like an express train, scoring two goals in the first 12 minutes.

A misunderstanding between **Grant Smart** and **John Gardner** near the half-way line enabled **Ken Reed** to win possession and head for goal.

A low cross ball found **Cullen** at the far post, and George was 1-0 up.

Later a mistake by **Steve Koskosa** let **Reed** in and the Cross striker smashed the ball home.

It was the drive of **Billy Wilkinson**, playing a roving forward position, the skill of winger **Jim Papas** and the defensive excellence of **John Webb** which allowed George Cross to dominate early in the game.

But after taking the initiative, George became subdued and this allowed Croatia to make a comeback.

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# Sharne fights to regain speed

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By  
**PETER SCOTT**

**At the tender soccer age of 22, Marconi's lightning fast winger Peter Sharne is worried about his speed — but it is much too early for rival defenders to relax and breathe easy.**

Be warned, the man who is one of the most exciting Australians to burst onto the soccer scene in recent years, will spend the coming summer months in hard work.

While thousands, nay, millions, head for the cool and inviting surf, Peter will be going through the sweaty grind of trying to regain the speed he once possessed.

Running, running, running ...

That will be the steady diet of this youngster as the mercury soots into the thirties, because he realises fully that without that withering burst of speed which has become his hallmark, the Peter Sharne legend becomes an empty myth.

**"Speed is my main asset, without it I am just a run of the mill player," Sharne remarked this week.**

"I have lost some of the edge I had on others in recent years and now I must work to regain it."

Sharne said that at Marconi's training sessions he and coach **Ray Basic** concentrated mainly on ball work.

"I have always had problems taking on a player and Hale wanted me to improve this aspect of my game.

"Speed training is something I have to do on my own initiative now."

Realisation of his own weaknesses is a typical asset of this quietly spoken young man, who is already a four year veteran of top grade soccer.

His love affair with the game began as an eight-year-old at the Sydney outer suburb of Lansvale and he progressed steadily through the junior ranks over the years.

Not surprisingly, athletics was his other sporting interest in school, but it eventually had to give way to full concentration on the round ball game.

Sharne was a member of the Southern Districts junior squad when his coach decided to roll up with the whole team at trial for Marconi's third grade team.

That wizened doyen of coaches, **Luciano Nesti**, was in charge of the session which consisted of 3x45 minutes of football in blazing 100 degree heat.

Sharne still recalls, "survivors were accepted", and he was one of them.

That was in 1972 — and he had to wait for three long years before making his debut in the first team of Marconi.

It was in a match in Woonona, but the rookie's appearance was far from auspicious, and he was replaced before the final whistle.

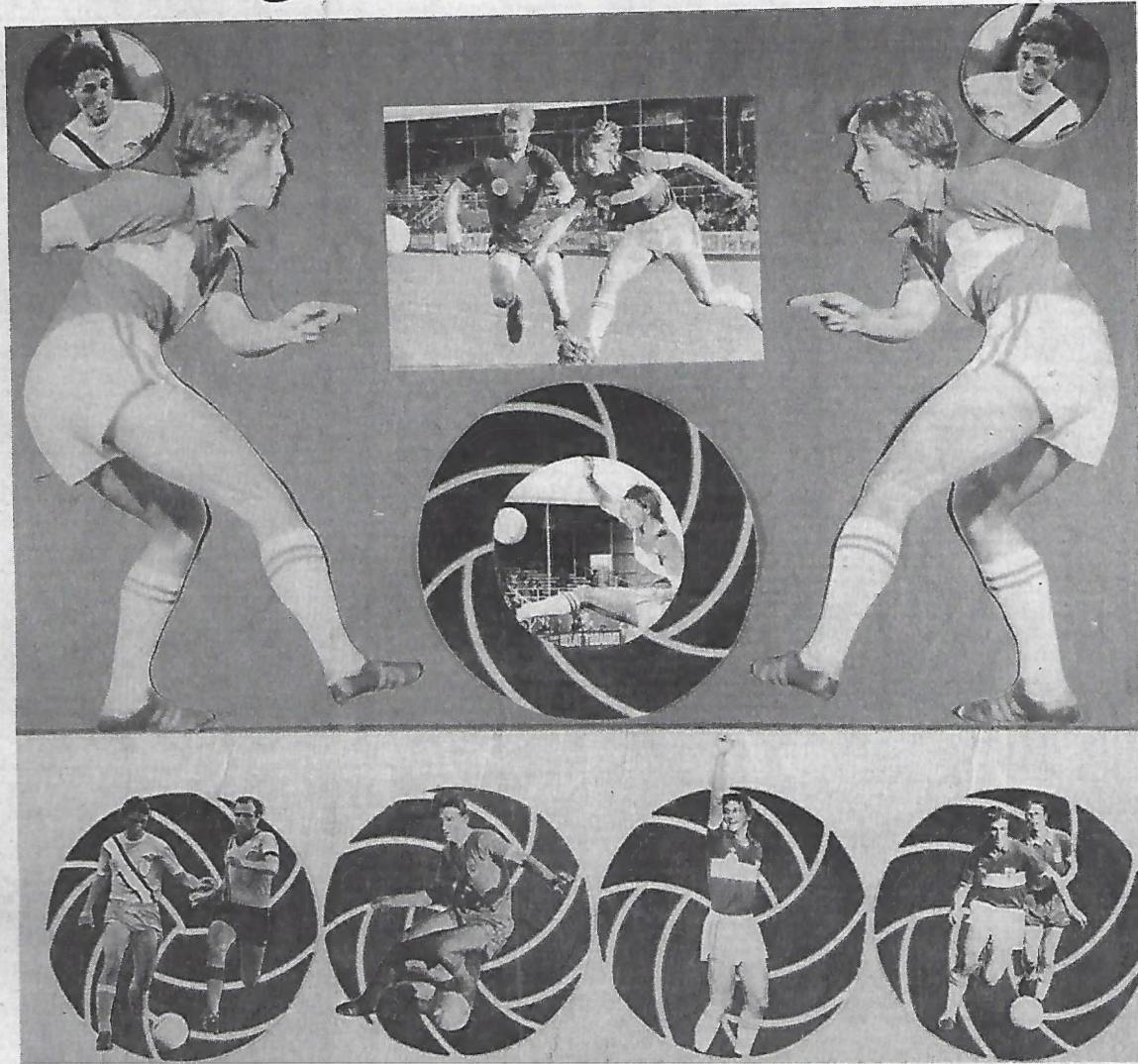
Several more months followed, eating the bitter bread of the survivors, before Sharne got another chance towards the end of the year. He has not looked back since.

The left-winger's position with Marconi is now his sinecure.

He also went on to greater things, donning the green and gold of Australia for the first time in last year's World of Soccer tournament, which saw the Socceroos shape up against the likes of Arsenal, Red Star and Celtic.

Not only did the Aussies take them on, but also dished out as much as they coped.

That tournament was perhaps the high point of **Jimmy Shoulder's** rather disheartening reign as Australian soccer's "czar".



**A pictorial tribute to Peter Sharne by SAM BELFONTE. Players pictured with Sharne are Alan Parrott of Footscray J.U.S.T. (top, centre), Jim Tansey of Fitzroy (bottom left) and Duncan Cummings of South Melbourne (bottom right).**

## Suspension from Socceroos was unfair, he says

For three matches the Australians forgot all their inhibitions, played with verve and spirit and drew upon an unprivileged reservoir of skill and talent.

The tournament gave frustrated soccer fans in this country an inkling of what might have been in the World Cup.

Peter Sharne was one of the privileged bunch of players in what must have been the best series of performances yet produced by our national side.

"It was a marvellous experience playing against such great and experienced overseas players. One can learn from their every move on the field of play," he says.

There is another aspect to international duty which makes Sharne determined to fight his way back into contention as new Socceroo boss **Rudi Gutendorf** begins to shape his squad for 1982.

"The period we spend in camp preparing for international matches is of incalculable value; for sustained periods we live and work like full professionals," Sharne says.

"I would just love to get back in the squad and will do all I can to get selected, as Gutendorf seems to be a man who knows a lot more about football than our current national coaches.

"He has different ideas from what I have seen before, and just watching him put the national under-19 squad through its paces a while ago, one could see he has already done a lot in a very short time."

"I would hazard a guess to say that he will be moulding a different style of Australian soccer — a much better one."

Perceptive readers would have noticed by now that Peter Sharne, one of the most experienced players in the world, is trying to put all the bad memories behind him and concentrate on the quest for a spot in the next World Cup finals four years hence.

This, he believes, is his last chance for the ultimate achievement in every soccer player's career.

However, his aims within the Australian set-up are longer term. He seeks to carve out a full-time career as a player.

And the accent is on Australia. He is not looking for greener pastures overseas; at least not yet.

Sharne sees the establishment of the PSL as the first major step in the professionalisation of Aussie soccer, with the best players compartmentalised into fewer clubs and the football more systematic than the haphazard variety of some years ago.

As he is contracted to Marconi for another two years, he obviously hopes for some glory to come the way of the Bossley Park Blues after two consecutive seasons in which they played the role of bridesmaids on both occasions.

Marconi took the lead to start the Federation back down, but the brougham left a mark on the road ... including two players.

Sharne makes no secret of his feelings, namely that he and Degrey were unfairly treated.

He points out that the argument was between Marconi and the Australian Soccer Federation.

"I could understand if they decided to fine the club, but it was very unfair to suspend us," he says.

"Players are contracted to their clubs and if Marconi says we must play, we play."

"If we said no to the instructions of our coach, both of us would have been sidelined for the season," he claims.

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Where does Peter Sharne fit into the picture of a "new" Marconi?

Obviously in his accustomed spot on the left flank, even though he has more to worry about than just a bit of extra spring training.

In 1975 Sharne fractured his spinal cord and a promising soccer career looked finished even before it had begun.

For six months he was an invalid, getting about with the aid of a restrictive corset, and ready to give it all away.

Old pro Nesti put an end to that quick and smart.

"He alone inspired me to start all over. If it hadn't been for his urging I would never have laced my football boots again.

"I still have pain when I run. It comes and goes in spasms, but I have learned to live with it and manage to put up with the discomfort.

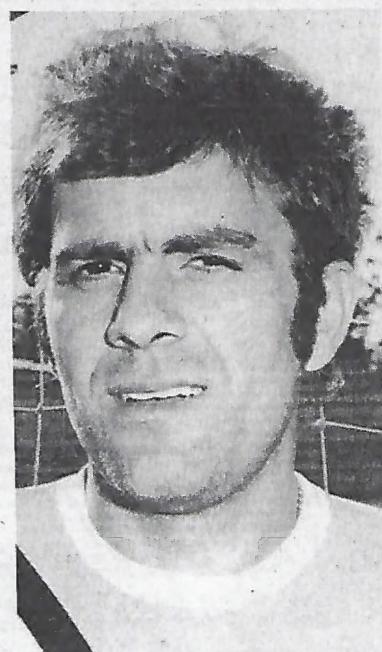
"Unfortunately all the needles and the x-rays have failed to cure or pinpoint the problem, but maybe if I see more specialists they will find a remedy."

Once the whistle sounds, though, and the ball comes his way, Peter Sharne forgets the pain, the disappointments and concentrates on continuing on his merry way as the man who gives full-backs nightmares.

Not that there aren't any foes for whom he has a healthy respect. For example Hakoah's **Kevin Mullen** — "the hardest man to play against in the PSL" — or Canberra City's **Danny Moulis** — "who can destroy you, will stick to you like a shadow for 90 minutes and won't let a striker do anything right."

Then, of course, there are defenders of a more benevolent variety, such as team mate **Ivan Prskalo**, a wily ex-European pro, who gets the credit for teaching Sharne many tricks of the trade.

There are a number of youngsters on the sidelines just waiting for a chance at the big time, but experienced players are also good times ahead for this young man.



**Jimmy Rooney is moving to Melbourne, Ray Richards is on the transfer list, Gary Byrne is overseas, and now there are rumors that the brilliant Roberto Vieri (pictured) is looking for greener pastures ...**

Summing it all up, at the age of 22 Peter Sharne may be in only the early stages of a most exciting soccer career, but he has already experienced ups and downs sufficient for an average lifetime.

Soccer lovers around Australia are crossing their fingers and toes in hoping there are good times ahead for this young man.

There are not many sights

more exciting in Australia than this blond bombshell being chased by a host of flabbergasted defenders in full flight on Marconi's left wing. If he wasn't around, the likes of **Kevin Mullen** and **Danny Moulis** would find life a lot easier.

However, I feel sure they would be among the first to admit that it wouldn't be half as interesting.

# Personality, publicity, ideas - all he needs now is to win

**My first impression of Rudi Gutendorf was that he is not a typical German.**

But then is there a typical German, or for that matter a typical Englishman, Greek, Scot or Australian?

It is dangerous to categorise people, but, yes, there are national stereotypes.

The "ocker" Australian, the "fiery" independent Scot, the excitable, aggressive Greek, the "cool" Englishman and the precise, methodical German.

Rudi had forgotten the time of our appointment, which is most un-Germanlike.

Neither did the quizzical looks and the puzzled frown which frequented his face during our meeting suggest the precision and organisation of the German stereotype of my imagination.

On the other hand he had every reason to be puzzled, harassed as he was chasing a flat, trying to fulfill an appointment with the Australian Soccer Federation doctor, Brian Corrigan, answer phone calls about his under 19 team and fit me in at the same time. Nevertheless Gutendorf certainly is not the German stereotype.

He reminded me more of a movie director, with his glasses, his straight blonde hair, slightly paunchy tummy and long legs.

His absent-minded doodling on a writing pad, as he answered questions over the phone from a Newcastle sports reporter, suggested a creative mind rather than a methodical one.

This impression was confirmed as we sped in a taxi over the Sydney Harbour Bridge for the appointment with Dr Corrigan.

Repeatedly as I searched for some indication of his coaching ideas, the subject came back to the coach's personality.

"It's how the coach says things - not what he says .... the impression his personality makes on players, and people," said Gutendorf.

Personality - this seems to be Rudi Gutendorf's stock in trade.

He exploits it and builds on it at every opportunity.

He particularly uses the media, especially the newspapers, to build and magnify his personality.

He has numerous photographs of himself accompanied by beautiful women and famous men. He obviously has ability to boost his personality.

He is intelligent, innovative and, according to reports, highly capable when putting players through a training session.

The Gutendorf presence has already stirred up tremendous interest in Australia's soccer circles, just as in a different way did the appointment of his predecessor, Jim

**Shoulder, who came to office in a blaze of controversy.**

Jim Shoulder was not controversial, rather it was the circumstances behind his appointment which generated such interest.

Gutendorf himself is a controversial and independent man who, he says, is able to retain his independence and strength because of his personal financial assets which make him non-reliant on soccer earnings for day to day living.

**MIKE JOHNSON**

He considers that this assists his greatest coaching asset, his ability to be his own man, unswayed by negative outside influences.

Rudi Gutendorf will continue to attract attention - he is that kind of man, and as such will be a tremendous publicity booster for our Soccer.

His deep knowledge of the game, amassed from nu-

merous coaching appointments, often at the very highest level, will bring new information to the coaching ranks.

However, for his message to retain its potency he will have to achieve success with the various teams under his control, starting with his under 19 team which plays in New Zealand soon.

He is aware of this and bemoans the fact that he has only a few short weeks of preparation with the team.

Nothing tarnishes a coach's reputation more than losing. On the other hand nothing will shine brighter in Australian sport than Rudi Gutendorf if he is winning.

## Austria sounds warning

**The president of Keilar Austria, Mr Ignaz Martinu, has sounded a warning to his players.**

"One thing is sure," he writes in the club's newsletter, "we won't have any players next year who play only for the money, and we won't be spending money on players the way we did last season.

"If there is money to be spent, it will be only at the end of the season, according to the performance of the players.

"Yes, we are looking for new players, but we want only those who play with their heart and for their club on the basis of good sportsmanship. One thing we will make sure of is: no play, no play."

Austria came last in the Victorian First Division this year and was relegated.

Two players have joined the new committee - Guenter Ganglmaier and Ray Boller.

The committee is: Ignaz Martinu (president); Fred Caesar (secretary); Franz Kemmerhofer, (treasurer); Alex Frey (vice president); Fritz Brunner (assistant secretary); Heinz Novosel (assistant treasurer); Kari Mitterlechner (VSF delegate); Willi Gollowitsch, Otto Zambelli, Joe Berg, Joe Lopez, Charlie Casser (junior delegate).

Keilar-Austria will take part in the Neue Welt (New World) Cup at Richmond Park, off Yarra Boulevard, Richmond, on November 11 and 12.

The club is also involved in organisation of the annual Oktoberfest at Graves Reserve, Dandenong, from November 24 to 26.

Other functions coming up are

October 28 - "Oktoberfest" dance at St Albans.

December 2 - "Krampus and Nikolaus Feler," St Albans.

Dec 16 - Barbecue with the Drigo Quintet and a giant raffle at Harricks Road, Keilar.

Dec 31 - "Silvester Tanz" (New Year's Eve Dance) at St Albans.

For bookings ring Mr J. Pichler (366 3519), or I Martinu (20 1597).



Victoria's Billy Rice wins the race to the ball against Hans Hecker of Hertha 03 in their draw at Olympic Park in 1970. Jimmy Mackay scored for Victoria and Hertha's goal came from Uwe Kliemann who went on to play for the West German national team.



Five of the Hertha players who will tour Australia in January, from left - Moeller, Gantner, Steinke, Groeger, Brauer.

## Bunce for Queensland?

**Former Ringwood City (Vic.) coach Freddy Bunce may accept an offer to be**

**PSL SCORERS MISTAKE**

A printers' mistake created confusion over our Philips League goalscorers' list last week.

The column headings should have read:

League	Cup	League	Total
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National coach Rudi Gutendorf (right) presents the 1978 Coach of the Year award to Gerry Chaldi of Hakoah-East.

## Hertha is set on game against u.19s

**Hertha Zehlendorf 03 of West Berlin has included a match against the Australian under 19s on the itinerary for its Australian tour in January.**

However, national coach Rudi Gutendorf said last week he would not decide until late November whether the under 19s would play against Hertha.

Gutendorf said he wanted to wait until after his team returns from New Zealand where it will play qualifying games next month for the Coca Cola world youth championships.

### HERTHA HAS SCHED-

uled a game against the under 19s for January 6 in Sydney. Hertha's tour itinerary is:

December 28-29: two games v Burm in Rangoon; December 31: v China in Canton.

January 2: v Philippines in Manila.

January 4: v Illawarra Soccer Association in Wollongong.

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# Ping pong wins every time, Mr Heddergott

SIR — I am an old man, 72 years of age, am Scottish and played amateur and professional junior soccer in my twenties. I played in a Scottish Amateur Cup final at Hampden Park, Glasgow in the 1930s.

Before coming to Australia in 1952 I saw all the famous English and Scottish players of that era in action, including the great **Stanley Matthews**; my knowledge of the game, therefore, is first class.

I am writing to you to take exception to the remark made by the German coach **Mr Heddergott** in **Soccer Action** that English soccer is just 'ping pong'.

About two years ago German league soccer was shown on television here every week and I used to watch it regularly. Every game was predictable. The goalkeeper saves, the whole attacking side race back to their own half, the long, slow build-up begins again, and finally the ball is shot at goal against a wall of defenders. This is not soccer, it is basketball. If you watch basketball you will find that this is the pattern of play. The Germans are all first-class, skilful players and I enjoyed watching their control and manipulation of the ball. It was their pattern of play I did not like. It is like watching a game of chess. If I

## To the editor . . .

were to be asked which was the more exciting to watch, chess or ping pong, then ping pong would win hands down.

The game has lost its adventure, in my opinion, the continents have ruined the game with too much science and elimination of body contact. What's wrong with a good, fair shoulder charge?

The various formations that are now adopted are heavily orientated to defence. Even in English soccer, three forwards or strikers is the rule.

Even so, English league soccer is far more exciting to watch. The long pass or kick is used to transfer play quickly and this is well made. The goalkeepers are more in the action and more goals are scored than in continental soccer. On the last two Saturdays in the English First Division there was an average of three goals per game.

Liverpool are going great guns at present. They have completely discarded the Continental approach. Whether, it is a fair short pass or a long kick, the ball is hit hard but with great accuracy. Their long, hard passes to the wingers are a delight to watch. In the old days the watchword was make the ball do the work. As a result of this style of play Liverpool look an exceptionally fast team.

**Sir Arthur George** says the game must be made more entertaining. Unless you are an avid supporter of a club, how can you be entertained by the style of play the like of Marconi and S.M. Hellas adopt. A whole game made up of close-passing and slow build-ups becomes a bore.

Frankly I do not like Aussie Rules football. I would not go to see it if you paid me. What, then, is the attraction for Australians in this game? The answer is easy, all-out action with goals and behinds ten a penny. How then are you going to attract Australians to soccer? You must make the game more exciting and you

will not do that by adopting defensive formations.

Why not go back to the old style of goalkeeper, two full backs, three half-backs and five forwards. By this method a simplified combination would be eliminated, the game would be more open and attacks on goal more frequent as it was when I played the game.

Now, I read about coaching classes and the licensing of coaches. What exactly does a coach do? Teach formations? I think it is silly when I see a photo of a coach with a dozen or more young and not so young around him. Do they ever give individual coaching? Players in a group do not pay enough attention, but when a player has the individual instruction from a coach he concentrates fully on what he is being told and shown. It is the only way to learn.

I have seen Hellas play quite a number of games during the last three years, not that I am a Hellas supporter by any means. I want to see them play because I have taken a great interest in **Duncan Cummings** ever since he played for Melbourne.

This lad has great potential but he is only wasted with Hellas. They will not give him the ball. Against Brisbane City at Middle Park he received only one pass during the whole of the second half.

If **Duncan** is to realize his ambition to play for the Socceroos in the World Cup there will need to be some drastic alterations to the present set-up.

Yours in sport, T. W. (Bill) McArthur, Park St, Brunswick.



The Sabidussi brothers will oppose each other in the Coppa Italia. Carlo (left) plays for Fawkner and Bruno (right) for Juventus.

## De Marchi and Boggi know

## Juve secrets

**Fawkner**, holder and host of the **Italia Cup**, has made no secret of its ambition.



Fawkner's top scorer "Skippy" Schipano.

Without being disrespectful to Juventus, Fawkner is aiming to overhaul Juve and replace it as Victoria's number one Italian-backed club.

But ambition has always been the feature of the progressive Fawkner, which is now on the way to realising some of its dreams.

To retain the Italia Cup, Fawkner will have to overcome the strong Juve on the soccer field.

That task will be made easier by the presence of **Dino De Marchi** and **Tony Boggi** in the Fawkner camp.

Dino and Tony both had successful associations with Juve and are two of the most popular figures among Italian soccer followers.

Dino especially will be a great help to Fawkner, as he played alongside most of the current Juve players.

The evergreen striker has been given a new lease of life by Fawkner and know-

ing Dino, he will be anxious to knock a few goals past his old team-mates.

But Juve is on the way back and the players will be making sure they aren't beaten by a Third Division team.

**Toni Mainenti** is another Fawkner man who's played with Juventus. The talented midfielder is a favorite at Fawkner.

Alongside Dino in the forward line is brilliant youngster **Tony "Skippy" Schipano** a muscular centre forward.

His physique, coupled with his speed, make him a dangerous striker.

The experience of **Dario Epifano** has helped Fawkner considerably. The former George Cross forward is still a handful for any defender.

Fawkner won the Metropolitan Fourth Division this season, losing only one game.

The club's record was: P22 W18 D3 L1 F75 A16 PTS 39.

Fawkner's nearest challengers were Park Rangers (35 points) and Werribee (31 points).

## Salute to Adriagni

If any coach in Australia deserves praise it is Denes Adriagni, the "goalie-maker."

Adriagni, who arrived in Australia in 1949, has worked in soccer for 30 years.

He had five years with Canterbury, five years with Manly and was one of the founders and president of the Australian Coaches Federation.

He assisted with the national team's preparation in the sixties and for the past five years he has been manager-coach of NSW club Northern.

**Mike Hoar** who did an excellent job moulding a winning team from a losing five-a-side group.

Apart from winning on the field, the girls also do a lot of work for the club.

The team pictured is, from left —

Back row: Mick Hoar (Coach), Jenny Gritty, Diane Dawson, Annette Muench, Carolyn Howman, Debbie Beard, Jacky Goodman. Front Row: Leanne Jeram, Linda Heaver, Tiny Gritty, Monika Werner, Betty Hoar (vice-captain), Pat Daily (captain). Absent: Linda Newton.

George Christopoulos, Theo Selenidis, Danny Moulis, Ian Hynes, Pauline Moulis, Craig Hall, Eddie Kremeklis — these will be household names in soccer in seasons to come.

They and others have shown some phenomenal form in the national under 19s squad's training camp at the Englefield Stadium at Dural.

It is almost unbelievable that a team of youngsters can improve so much in so short a time.

The boys are a completely different side after their three stints in camp.

I predict they will stroll through their qualifying tournament in New Zealand next month.

I further predict they will fare superbly well in the second round in South America.

Of course there is still a lot of work to be done.

Coach **Rudi Gundendorf** knows it too, and he continues to spend five to six hours a day with the boys.

Another important factor is that he has no sentimental considerations. You're in only if you're good enough and if you work hard.

**Tosse Veselinovic**, who will visit Australia next month as coach of Olympiakos, is one of the greatest footballers Yugoslavia has produced.

He ranks with immortal giants like **Bobek**, and **Sekularac**.

I will never forget first meeting Veselinovic. It was at Volodina, the club with which I spent a season in Yugoslavia. I felt honored to shake the man's hand and to be on the same pitch with him.



RALE BASIC

He once bet that he could score against the great goalkeeper Beara. Not only did he do so, but he did it from an acute angle and from no less than 20 metres!

I am looking forward to seeing him again.

At one stage he was close to coming to Australia to join St George. I had recommended him to the Saints but it didn't quite come off.



Fawkner centre back Carlo Baravelli, formerly of Juventus.

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# GALA KICK-OFF ON SATURDAY

Miss Italian Community will kick off the 1978 "Coppa Italia (Italia Cup) at Smith Reserve, Jukes Road, Fawkner, at 1 pm on Saturday.

The Cup, Australia's major competition for Italian clubs, will run for three weeks.

**Groupings:**

Group A: Juventus, Vermont, Latrobe City, East Brunswick.

Group B: Essendon City, Trestina, Nunawading United, Thomastown, Buleen.

Group C: Fawkner, Moonee Ponds, East Carlton, Bundoora.

Group D: Werribee, Shepparton South, Ascot United, Regent.

**Match programme:**

SAT. NOV. 11

1.00 pm Nunawading v Bulleen  
2.30 pm Vermont v E. Brunswick  
4.00 pm Thomastown v Trestina  
5.30 pm Ascot United v Werribee  
SUN. NOV. 12  
1.00 pm Fawkner v E. Carlton  
2.30 pm Latrobe City v Juventus  
4.00 pm Shepparton Sth v Regent  
5.30 pm Moonee Ponds v Bundoora  
SAT. NOV. 18  
1.00 pm Latrobe City v Vermont  
2.30 pm Regent v Werribee  
4.00 pm E. Carlton v Moonee Ponds  
5.30 pm Bundoora v Fawkner  
SUN. NOV. 19  
1.00 pm Buleen v Trestina  
2.30 pm E. Brunswick v Juventus  
4.00 pm Ascot United v Shepparton  
SOUTH  
5.30 pm Thomastown v Nunawading.  
SUNDAY NOV. 26  
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Three of Fawkner's stars, from left: Dino DeMarchi (forward), Dario Epifano (forward) and Tony Mainenti (midfielder)



Fawkner, back row from left: N. Ascenso (vice-president), G. Capulli (president), C. Graser, D. Epifano, S. Bazzano, R. Marcato, R. Vecchiatto, T. Schipano, T. Mainenti, C. Baravelli, Mr. De Fazio (sponsor), F. Calabria (Fawkner sports director). Front row: C. Sabidussi, F. Fragale, B. Panas, G. Scordia (massuer), S. Caruso, A. DePietro, G. Vecchio, D. DeMarchi.

## GABAZZI TOPS FOR EAST CARLTON

Ambitious East Carlton signed forward Paul Debernardino from Metropolitan Third Division club Broadmeadows.

East Carlton hopes Debernardino can strike up an understanding with John Colanigi and Pasquale Barrasso in the forward line.

The District League Third Division club wants to climb into the Second Division.

Easts hit on success in 1977 when it shocked District League soccer followers by qualifying for the semi-finals of the league knock-out competition.

But this season, East Carlton missed out on promotion, finishing fourth on goal average.

The club's record in the league this season was: P18 W10 D2 L6 F32 A24 PTS22.

The teams above East Carlton were Cheltenham (31 points), Diamond Creek (23 points) and North Sunshine (22 points).

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## Injuries upset Vermont

Vermont came close to winning the District League Division Four championship at the first attempt this season.

The eastern suburban club would have created some kind of record if it had won the league.

In 1977, its first year, Vermont won the Cosmopolitan League title and was elected to a place in the VSF District League.

Had Vermont maintained its challenge and won the Fourth Division, it could boast of winning every league it had played in.

Unfortunately, a broken leg suffered by goalkeeper Mark Lillikakis upset Vermont's rhythm. Later, team captain Benny Del Ben took a bad knock and was out of action for a while.

Vermont finished fourth in the league, with the following figure: P18 W10 D3 L5 F40 A32 PTS23.

The teams above Vermont were Malvern City (29 points),

Central City (27 points) and Clarinda (25 points).

But at one stage during the season, Vermont was two points clear at the top, with two games in hand!

The club is reasonably happy with its performance but is determined to make amends in 1979 by winning the league

and promotion to the District Third division.

Vermont was started by the Del Ben, Frezzini and Inglesi families.

The best and fairest award this season went to Bruno Dal Ben, who plays on the forward line and is the brother of team captain Benny.

Vince Alizzi scored 13 goals to be top marksman.

Other consistent performers during the year were full backs Dominic Poscino and Joe Signorelli.

Numbers of leading players: Alizzi (10) Poscino (3), Bruno Dal Ben (7), Benny Dal Ben (9), Signorelli (2).

To all participating in Italia Cup good luck — special best wishes go to Fawkner

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Juventus — (standing left to right) — Reno Viti (coach), Pat Della Rocca, Uli Phisterer, Hugh Graham, Chris Peponiadi, Steve Walker, Jim Symington, Charlie Smith. Front (left to right) — John Hoston, Mick Watkins, Serge Sabidini, Lou Sannipoli, Bruno Sabidussi, Claude Lucchesi.

## NEW-LOOK JUVE HEADS FOR TOP

JUVENTUS is the most famous Italian-backed soccer club in Victoria, and therefore is under pressure to perform well in the Italia Cup 1978.

Now that Juvé has sorted out its internal problems, a bold, new image has emerged, and dreams of Juventus once again being one of the top clubs in Australia are no longer unrealistic.

But to recapture the massive support of the Italian community, Juvé must overcome a strong challenge from the new breed of Italian-backed clubs — Fawkner, Werribee, Thomastown and Regent.

The starting point for Juvé could be winning this season's Italia Cup.

The State League club, despite having a poor season, has many talented players and is the favorite to lift the trophy.

Juvé's leading men include 1977 Bill Fleming Medalist Mick Watkins, former South Melbourne star Steve Walker, winger John

Hotson and the skilful Claude Lucchesi.

Lucchesi, a midfielder, was Juvé's leading goalscorer in the State League with seven goals.

Other goalscorers were Watkins (3), Jim Armstrong, Charlie Smith (2), Hotson, Serge Sabidini, Carlos Berbia, Bruno Sabidussi, and Walker (one each).

The team has always tried to play a fast, attacking game. A lack of muscle in the physical State League didn't help Juvé.

The style of pushing the ball around often fell down against busting opponents, but the arrival of coach Reno Viti led to a Juvé team that competes this weekend.

The club's under 16 team

Under 16s  
win 6-0

Juventus has the chance to complete an Italia Cup double when the senior team competes this weekend.

The club's under 16 team won the Italia Junior Cup last weekend, defeating Regent 6-0 in the final.

The Mayor of Brunswick, Mr H. Jury, presented the cup to Juventus under 16s, in the presence of Mr G. Gondola, the club's president, Mr J. Lannucci, the founder president when the club was established in 1948.

Full results list:

Under 11 Fawkner 3 Juventus 2, under 12 Fawkner 2 Thomastown 0, under 14 Thomastown 4 Werribee 1, under 13 Juventus 2 Thomastown 2 (Juventus won 3-2 on penalties), under 16 Juventus 6 Regent 0.

In the Mirrabella Under 19 Cup, donated by former Juventus president Paul Mirrabella, Essendon Croatia defeated Juventus 3-0.

Juve's season figures are P22 W5 D8 L9 F19 A30 Pts 18.

Juve is confident of doing well, and carrying the improvement in the area of attendances, playing standard and stature of the club.

Under 16 team fixtures:

1 Terzini 2 Della Rocca 3 Sabidini

4 Walker 5 Pfisterer 6 Sabidussi 7

Watkins 8 Smith 9 C. Lucchesi 10

Curcio 11 Hotson.

Also in running: Symington, J.

Lucchesi, Peponiadi, Graham (GK), Sannipoli.

Juve winger Mick Watkins

## Club directory

### GROUP A

Team	Division	Colors
Juventus	State League	Black and white stripes
Vermont	District Four	Blue and red
Latrobe City	Cosmopolitan League	Blue and white
East Brunswick	Provisional Two	Yellow and red

### GROUP B

Team	Division	Colors
Essendon Triestina	Metropolitan Three	Red
Nunawading Utd	District One	Green, white and red
Bulleen	Provisional Two	Red and black stripes

### GROUP C

Team	Division	Colors
Fawkner	Metropolitan Three	Blue and white
Moonee Ponds	District Two	Red and white
East Carlton	District Three	Red and white
Bundoora	Cosmopolitan League	Green and white

### GROUP D

Team	Division	Colors
Werribee	Metropolitan Four	Gold and black
Shepparton South	North-Eastern League	Black and white
Ascot Vale	District Three	Red and white
Regent	District One	Green and white

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## Star's suspension

## hampered Easts

East Brunswick didn't have a good start to the 1978 season.

After a Dockerty Cup game against Doncaster Rovers of the Metropolitan Second division, Easts star midfielder **Antonio Madaffera** was suspended for 12 months by the Victorian Soccer Federation disciplinary committee.

Madaffera was involved in an on-field disturbance and his absence affects East Brunswick.

In 1977, Brunswick finished in eighth position in the Second division of Provisional League but could only place one in 1978, finishing seventh after a promising start.

But the club is determined to put on a good showing in the Italia Cup.

East Brunswick does not want to be eliminated in the first round, in what is the most prestigious competition for Melbourne's Italian-backed clubs.

Easts will be a hard opponent for any team.

Winger **Vince Tavalaro** was in great form this season, scoring 10 goals to finish as top scorer.

He was helped by hard-working centre forward **Dominic Parisi**.

East Brunswick's league record: P22 W8 D3 L11 F42 A38 PTS 19.

Numbers of leading players: Tavalaro (11), Parisi (9).



Joe Sonsini in the colors of his former club, Juventus. He's now captain of Ascot Vale.



## MARA COACH

Frank Grimaldi of Ascot is one of Australia's last coaches for longevity.

The Third Division District League boss has been at the helm of Ascot for years and in today's world where come and go like the wind, that's achievement.

Grimaldi has stuck it out through thin and is hopeful his club is now way back.

When Frank took over as player/coach in 1969, the club won the Division District League championship.

But from then on, Ascot gradually declined, although Grimaldi's enthusiasm has remained constant.

Ascot spent only one season in the Division, after winning promotion in 1971.

Grimaldi, a midfielder, still makes occasional appearance in the Ascot team.

The top players in the Ascot side moment include Vic Spano, Joe S. Phil Bavarro, Mario Insoleco and M. Ciavarella.

Insoleco was Ascot's top goalscorer season with 16 goals, but they all came in seven-game period after which centre forward failed to score.

Ciavarella is a left-sided midfield player, one of the most consistent players on the team, while Sonsini and Spano cover the midfield combination.

Bavarro is the strongest man in defence, stopper position, and is a reliable back.

Ascot's 1978 playing records were W6 D3 L9 F31 A36 PTS 15.

Ascot finished in ninth position, Yarraville, Central Brunswick and Park.

Numbers of leading players: Insoleco (9), Bavarro (5), Sonsini (4), Ciavarella (6), Spano (8).



• Guenter Gerick (left), then of Keilor City, battles against Juventus star Sandy Irvine, whose face is obscured by the ball. Gerick, who also played for Richmond, St Albans and Helvetic, is now with Werribee.

The Metropolitan Fourth Division Club hopes to have its own licensed clubrooms as soon as possible. This will help its push towards the top.

And believe it or not, the State League isn't Werribee's ultimate aim, just a stepping stone to the Philips League.

But it will be a few years before Werribee is in a position to vie for PSL membership.

At the moment, Werribee is happy with the support given to it by the Italian Social Club.

Werribee was among the front runners for promotion all season but missed out by four points.

Park Rangers, with 35 points, and Fawkner, with 39, finished above Werribee.

The club's record was P22 W12 D7 L3 F50 A27 PTS 31.

But Werribee is a favorite to rise to the Third Division after next season.

Michael Paisley, a left winger, was Werribee's top scorer this season.

Kaz Klain, who previously played for Sunshine and Keilor City, was a tower of strength in defence, aided by Paul Riordan.

Werribee is tipped to do well in the Italia Cup.

In goal, Robert Amis is a safe keeper.

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Michael Paisley, a left winger, was Werribee

# Walkover may cost promotion

Nunawading Utd will not know if it has won promotion from the First Division of the District League until the outcome of a Victorian Soccer Federation hearing.

Regent and Nunawading Utd finished with 28 points each but goal average gave United second place behind South Oakleigh, and promotion.

But Regent has appealed to the V.S.F. to reconsider the situation. Regent's goal average was inferior by 0.05 per cent, but the club claims it would have bettered United's average had it played its game against Yarraville.

Regent were awarded two points from its game against Yarraville, which gave a walkover but no goals. Had Regent won 1-0, it would have finished in second place.

Nunawading is waiting anxiously for the outcome.

Martin van der Maat helped keep Nunawading in the hunt for promotion with 17 goals this season, which made him top goalscorer.

Many of his goals were engineered by Danny Ergnini, an attacking midfielder with a flair for scoring goals as well as creating them.

While Ergnini and van der Maat were doing the work up front, libero Steve Zecchin was keeping an eye on things in defence.

A classy player, Zecchin organises the defence, as well as starting attacking moves.

Regent's record this year in the league is: W12 D4 L8 F43 A33 PTS 28.

Numbers of leading players: Ergnini (61), van der Maat (7), Zecchin (5).



Regent — (standing left to right) — John Spataro (committee), Peter Balassone (coach), Angelo Mastriani, Mario Sciola (capt.), Frank Cinque, Paul Losia, Lou Iannone, Luciano Sciola, Frank Taverna, John Sciola (team manager), Rocky Maurici (president), Michael Andonovski (vice president). Front row (left to right) — Larry Moscatiello, John Moscatiello, Phil Taverna, Tony Consentino, Frank Dallas, Rino Giacomini, Marco Valenzi, Charlie Spiteri.

## REGENT WANTS REVENGE

**Coach Peter Balassone has predicted a big future for Regent youngster Franky Dallas.**

Balassone, a former coach of Nunawading City, has gone as far

as to say the 20-year-old midfielder is destined for the top playing in the District League.

Franky has the ability to play a much higher grade of soccer," said Balassone. "He has a great shot and stands out because he's a thinker.

"He could become a top player. He attacks from the midfield and is a good, all-round player."

Some of the bigger Italian-backed clubs at the Italia Cup may keep an eye out for Dallas.

The mood in the Regent camp, as it prepared for the Cup competition, is one of revenge.

The First Division District League club believes it was "hodwinkled" during last season's Italia Cup.

Regent, which has a good record in the District League, reached the Italia Cup in last season's Cup after a mix up over the rules.

"Before we played Fawkner," said Balassone, "we had a goal average of 3.0. Fawkner's was 8.1 and we were told our average was inferior.

"We went all out for victory because of the goal average, but lost 0-1 after Fawkner scored a late goal.

"Later we discovered our 3.0 goal average was better after all, and a draw against Fawkner would have been enough."

"It's our fault we didn't check the rules but the club was very disappointed."

Regent's young team is determined to do well.

In 1976, Regent reached the final but went down 1-2 to the strong Juventus.

Last season saw the unfortunate elimination at the hands of Fawkner.

Luciano Sciola of Regent won the top goalscorer's trophy in 1976 and last season Philip Taverna, the current secretary of Regent, won the trophy for the top goalkeeper.

Taverna is still in goal for Regent.

Scoring the goals for Regent these days is Luigi Iannone, the tall centre forward who grabbed 15 this season.

Tony Consentino is a real 90-minute man, giving effort the whole game, while Mario Sciola is safe sweeper.

He's helped in defence by Joe Bellizzi a dependable backman.

Regent has many young players and it was inexperience that cost them dearly during the year.

But their ability lifted them to third spot (see Nunawading Utd story), missing out on promotion by 0.05 per cent on goal average.

Season's details were: P22 W8 D4 L4 F36 A25 PTS 28.

Shirt numbers of leading players: Dallan (10), Taverna (9K), Sciola (5), Iannone (9).

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Nunawading Utd — (standing left to right) — Fontana, Dragan Milosevic, Dino Milosevic, Ragni, Van de Maat, Zecchin, Di Piero, Corazzini (coach). Front (left to right) — Yeadon, Ergini, La Fause, Rea (capt.), Cerasa, De Melis, Stravros, Torelli.

## Watch Zavattiero

**Although fifth position indicates only an average season in a 12 team competition, Moonee Ponds performed creditably.**

Formerly known as Croxton, the club changed its name and went from the Third to the Second Division of the District League.

Moonee did well to finish in the top half of the ladder and can look forward to climbing higher in 1979.

The club was founded three years ago and has improved steadily since.

In the Italia Cup, Moonee Ponds hopes to make an impression.

Best and fairest award winner Mario Zavattiero has been excellent in midfield this season, and a vital link in the team.

Tony Soverino grabbed 15 goals this season. He is the target man in the forward line.

Peter Paglia gives Soverino many openings and has a fair shot.

In defence, full backs

Giulio Cerni and Dominic

burn (32 points), Clifton Hill (31 points) and Rosanna (30 points).

Numbers of leading players: Zavattiero (6), Soverino (11), Paglia (10), Cerni (3), Alois (2).

## SHEPPARTON: TEN TROPHIES SO FAR

**Two bus loads of players, supporters and officials will leave Shepparton on Saturday and head for Melbourne.**

The people of Shepparton South soccer club have been captured by the festive spirit of the Italia Cup, and have entered for the first time.

Shepparton South, which plays in the North-Eastern League, is the only entrant from the rural area.

The club is only five years old but already has won 10 trophies in the N.E.L.

Shepparton's entry makes the Italia Cup a truly State-wide competition.

Shepparton field four teams in the local competition: two senior and two junior.

The first team had a below-average season, finishing in fifth place. But a successful trip to Melbourne in anticipated, to make up for previous disappointments.

Shepparton's best and fairest this season was Tony Picolo, a midfielder.

Runner-up was Milvan Muto, who also finished as top goalscorer.

Albert Amadei, another midfielder, is one of Shepp's outstanding players.

Numbers of leading players: Muto (9), Picolo (4), Amadei (6)

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Thomastown — (standing left to right) — Korlevic (coach), Caizzo, Kandi, Rossetto, Arcocorese (sponsor), Rizzo, Karamitanis, Mizzi, Lia. Front (left to right) — Gugliemi, Spataro, Vengoli, Carnovale, Ppaedopolous, Sciluna. Not in the picture — Zuanetti, Luannetti, Sgarlato, Amuso.

## Nick Kandi ace for Thomastown

Thomastown received breaks of the wrong kind during the 1978 season.

Instead of getting some good breaks which would lift the club to the top of the Provisional League division Two, Thomastown managed to finish only fifth.

But star players Harry Praelos and Ange Zuanetti ended up with broken bones!

Praelos, a centre half, broke a leg during the season, and Zuanetti broke a wrist.

It was a personal tragedy for Praelos. The former Fitzroy Utd. defender was playing extremely well and Fitzroy was considering approaching the Thomastown strongman with the aim of luring him back.

Zuanetti's injury wasn't as serious as Praelos', and he has since resumed playing.

It was a disappointing season for Thomastown. The club expected to do much better but injuries and a lack of form saw Town just below the leaders.

John Rossetto was converted to the stopper position after the injury to Praelos, and did a good job.

Charlie Rizzo, the team's other centre back, played solidly during the year.

In the Italia Cup, Thomastown will be able to draw on the experience of Nick Kandi, a midfielder.

Kandi has played for George Cross and Keilor Austria, and his displays this season have been excellent.

He works well in midfield with Chris Karamitanis, a promising player.

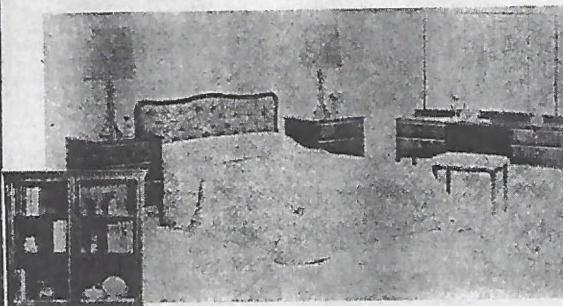
For the record, Thomastown's season figures were: P22 W11 D7 L4 F47 A30 PTS 29.

The teams that finished above Thomastown were Sunbury (37 points), Royal Park (32 points), Melton (32 points) and Central Altona (30 points).

Numbers of leading players: Kandi (8), Rizzo (5) Rossetto (6), Karamitanis (10).

**Best wishes to everyone for Italia Cup good luck Thomastown**

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# LATROBE VALUES THE SUPPORT OF CLUB CAOUR

Latrobe City has the distinction of being the youngest club competing in the Italia Cup.

Established early this year, Latrobe has applied for membership of the Victorian Soccer Federation after playing in the Cosmo League this season.

Latrobe City finished third in the Cosmo League, and now hopes to be able to force its way into the District League.

The Cosmopolitan League is unknown to most soccer followers but it is the breeding ground for new clubs. The V.S.F. has drafted many Cosmo teams into the Federation and has a good relationship with the league.



Latrobe, standing from left — E. Cassano (coach), C. Naoum (vice-captain), P. Montagna (captain), G. Zoumboulakis, D. Parisi, A. Mirabelli (secretary), C. Parrino, J. Guarini. Front: A. DeLuca (president), P. Oleksiuk, J. Mantini, V. Mirabelli (treasurer), E. Mochi, A. Rizzo, B. Esposito.

Latrobe originated from the Italian Club Caour, a licensed club in South Melbourne.

The Club Caour established in 1917 and the oldest Italian social club in Melbourne.

bourne, sponsors Latrobe City, which in turn draws players and supporters from the club.

Latrobe is building up at a steady pace and plans are under way for the formation of a junior team for the 1979 season.

This season was a good one for Latrobe. It took third place, and was among the leading teams all year.

Vince Mirabelli was the winner of the club's best and fairest award.

The dependable full back edged out George Zoumboulakis, a midfielder, who finished second in the best player voting.

Eric Mochi a striker, finished third in the award.

Jim Guarini was the top goalscorer, grabbing 11 goals in the centre forward position.

But at the other end, goalkeeper Joe Santilli was a consistent performer and saved Latrobe in many games with his efforts.

Although Latrobe is not expecting to win the Italia Cup, the experience will benefit the club in years to come.

Numbers of leading Latrobe players: Santilli (GK 1), Mirabelli (2), Zoumboulakis (8), Guarini (9).

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Bulleen — (standing left to right) Tocchetto, Giacomi, Benatti, Spadaro (capt/coach), D. Smarrelli, Turkovic, Agnolotti. Front (left to right) — Bordin, De Blasio, Sculli, Mason, Scherian. Missing — Mataracu, Amadio, Raspa, M. Smarrelli, Marinero, Pilot, Partridge.

**Spadaro is 'Mr. Bulleen'**

Adrian Spadaro believes in total commitment.

When he switched from Juventus to Bulleen he decided to give his new club all he had.

And so Spadaro is club secretary, coach, treasurer of its youth section and, as he puts it, "chief water boy."

He's no slouch on the field either, as he won Bulleen's best and fairest award this year.

Joe Sculli joined Bulleen from Wangaratta this year and came second in the best and fairest voting although he played only 11 games.

Mauro Mataracu joined this year from St Joseph's, East Brunswick, and came third in the voting although he managed only one goal.

Bulleen's most consistent goalscorer over the past three or four years has been Wally Agnolotti, son of club president Tom Agnolotti.

Another prominent player is former Juventus man Serge Turkovic who was player-coach of Essendon City Triestina last year.

Bulleen was set up five years ago and is backed by the sumptuous Veneto Social Club.

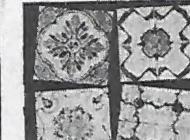
It was promoted from the District League to the second division of the Provisional League two years ago but has been relegated again after finishing second last year.

The club fielded three junior teams that year, but hopes to have four in 1979.

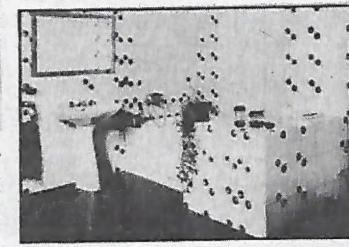
Bulleen's leading players, with shirt numbers: Adrian Spadaro (No. 6), Joe Sculli (No. 8), Mauro Mataracu (No. 10).

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Bundoora — (standing left to right) — M. Paradiso (trainer), John Montemurro, M. Valeso, G. Leonard, A. Montemurro, Paul Montemurro (president), R. Montagna, Adriano Falasca, D. Lauria, E. Pascolo, R. Paradiso, A. Russo (official/linesman). Front (left to right) — Anthony Russo, Anthony Falasca, Joe Zozza (capt.), Paul Palermo, Carlo Tavolaro (coach), F. Palermo, R. Pascolo.



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After spending the first two seasons of its existence in the Cosmopolitan League, Bundoora is set to become a member of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

The club, sponsored by Societa Val D'Agri, a 23-year-old Italian social club, has planned its rise meticulously.

Bundoora successfully applied for V.S.F. membership at the start of the 1978 season but reversed its decision and stayed in the Cosmopolitan League.

The club wanted more time to get established, both on the playing and administrative sides.

The setting up of a soccer club has been of great benefit to Societa Val D'Agri, and a lot of effort is being devoted to the soccer body.

The younger generation of Societa Val D'Agri has increased in size and interest because of the soccer body.

Also the interest of the older members has been rejuvenated.

In 1977, Bundoora finished third in the Cosmopolitan League with 14 wins from 22 games. Carlo Tavolaro, a former Juventus and Triestina player, took over as coach for the 1978 season and impressed with his enthusiasm.

Bundoora finished in second position, missing out on the championship by one point. But the average age of the team is 19 years, so the potential is there for continued success.

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Each player was presented with a token of the club's appreciation at a recent presentation night and everyone associated with the club expressed confidence about Bundoora's future prospects.

The major award winners at the presentation night were: Gavin Leonard (best and fairest), John Montemurro (second best and fairest), Carlo Tavolaro (top goalscorer), Anthony Montemurro (best clubman) and Anthony Russo (most improved). They're the players to watch in the Coppa Italia.

Bundoora may not be the biggest club around, but it has the right attitude to gain considerable success.

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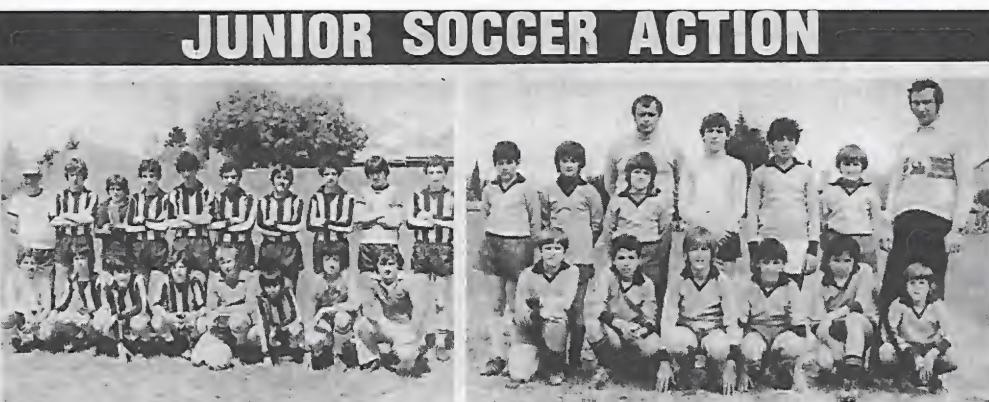
The Glenorchy-Croatia Club of Hobart must be looking to the future with great satisfaction, for its under 13 team could produce many stars in the next few years.

The under 13s completed the season undefeated, and in doing so won the K.O. Cup final 4-nil over St Mirren and then played Juventus-Pioneer to win 3-nil and clinch the premiership.

Essendon Croatia's crack under 13 team who were undefeated in roster games and won the Victorian title, visited Hobart and played the Glenorchy team. This resulted in a scoreless draw. The local boys goaled but it was disallowed by the referee who claimed the goalkeeper had been interfered with.

On their end-of-season trip to Adelaide the Glenorchy team played two games against Adelaide Croatia, winning 5-0 and 4-2.

The photo was taken before the boys' game against Essendon Croatia at the South Hobart ground, with Mt Wellington in the background. From left, Back row - Frank Perry, James Ogden, Tony Kurshbaum, Paul Furjanic, Scott Warrington, Simon Templeman, Ibrahim Cahout, Michael Nunn. Front - Dinko, Dzelalija, Richard Neads, John White, Tony Bacic, Paul Pless, Scott Young.



Juventus under 13s, standing from left — S. Sannipoli (coach), S. Manini, A. Muccio, T. Dellefoglie, A. Zannini, Robert L. Todaro, Harry V. Iacones. Front — F. Lubick, F. Moras, W. Costa, G. Sannipoli (captain), N. Amadio, G. DeAmicis.



Bulleen under 12s from left — extreme rear — coach Farascio; back row — D'Alto, Bettoli, Barbieri, Pillon, D'Alto, Favrin, Peganaro, Front — Marcolin, Pansino, Pettenon, Pegoraro, Reostinoli, Stella.

**They're champs**



Waverley City under 10s, winners of the Federation Cup and runners-up in the League, with coach Alan Roberts. Back row: Anthony Perree, Darren Plehan, Martin Hunter, David Sharp, Greg Little, Robert Robinson, George Pavlou, Robert Brian. Front: Damien Phillips, Alex Brkic, Jason Roberts, Ronnie Ichlov, Michael Green, Peter Weingold.



The under 11A team of Fawkner, champion of its league. Standing from left — D. Clemente (coach), B. Ficco, L. Ferla, M. Catalano, G. Rizza, P. Michal, P. Ferla, team manager Biasizzo, P. Dickson, G. Ferla. Front — R. Barresi, S. Giacomsantonio, P. Mazama, R. DeClemente, S. Biasizzo, F. Sabbadini, M. Franceschi.

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Thomastown under 12s champions in Yarra Region. Standing from left — S. Montalto, P. Peric, P. Bartoletto, J. Lizza, C. Christopoulos, T. Moloy, P. Zorro, M. Salvazzio, M. Caiazzo (coach). Front — M. Iamarino, T. Cientar, J. Dell'orso, M. Lamicella, R. Marcellino, R. Cammareri.



Thomastown under 14s — came third in under 14A Division, won Diamond Valley Hospital Cup and St Albans Cup for under 14s. Standing from left — A. Nardella, P. DeCesare (coach), J. Belevski, M. Tardia, R. Kragacic, F. Iannantuono, N. Inliano, S. Kragacic, S. Turco, N. DeMartino, D. Santostefano (team manager). Front — G. Nardella, S. Santostefano, G. Zuanetti, N. Doumtsis, R. Peric, T. Taloi, R. Smith, A. Macala.



Fawkner under 14s, standing — J. DeFrancesco (secretary), J. Mangato, A. Ascenso, J. Schimaschio, I. Zubic, T. DiPasquale, L. Bertelli, P. Failla, J. Climenti, L. Roccioletti, M. Failla (team manager), Front — L. Dimoccia (coach), A. Failla, T. Alessi, N. Iacobozzi, D. Briganti, G. DeFrancesco, A. Caruso, F. Monaco, S. Magnano.



Juventus under 14s, standing from left — D. Ciccone (team manager), P. Romano (captain), M. Tisocco, D. Crisanti, F. DeMateo, F. Tascone, M. Coccocchio, C. Uliva, D. Zanti, P. Iovennitti. Front row — G. Ciccone, P. Ricci, M. Iacono, V. Vallebuona, G. Grewes, L. Chan, M. Musumici, T. Mariani (coach).



Juventus under 12s second in Yarra Region. Standing from left — L. Galante, C. Gebbo, L. Trani, P. Brancati, D. Ruccia, G. Apostolakos, T. Ciccone, A. Arturi (coach). Front — D. Lugi, T. Valentino, R. Baftigarov, A. Peruffo, F. Siciliano, R. Minichiello, A. Pozzobon.



Fawkner under 13s standing from left — R. Salpietro (assistant coach), V. Paladino, N. Campana, F. Delfonzo, G. Traikouska, S. Niccoli, F. Paladius (coach). Front — R. Mantini, A. Barresi, D. Cassar, G. Pepe, V. Frain, D. Salpietro. Not pictured — team manager F. Niccoli.

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## JANUARY

15th New South Melbourne Hellas coach **Dave MacLaren** announced the 15 players being retained from last year's side. Omissions include costly buys **John Gardiner** and **Neil Miller**.

18th Sunshine City seeking a renewal of the existing lease on their ground which expires in 1981, as told by the owners Vic Rai that the rental will be increased from \$550 to \$15,875 a year. The draw is announced for the first round of the Cumberland Cup. Six teams from the Metro, Provisional, and District Leagues will compete for prize-money totalling \$2000 plus trophies.

21st Brisbane Lions beat four Melbourne based clubs in the race for Mooroolbark's **Barrie Fairbrother**.

25th. The Philips Soccer League expels Mooroolbark because the club failed "to refuse certain findings in a sub committee set up to investigate the club's affairs. The club, led by inadequate administration, did not have a suitable ground, and failed to pay fees to some of their players. Mooroolbark will now play in the Victorian Third Division and will try to recover debts of around \$50,000 by selling their players. Already **Alan Pongracz** and **Pat Lowrey** have been transferred to Croydon for an undisclosed fee.

26th. The pre-season transfers continue as **John Bannon** joins Frankston City from **Fitzroy** United for \$2,000.

29th. **Mike Micevski** transfers from **Marconi** to **Fitzroy**. Micevski recently returned from West Germany where he had trials with Arminia Bielefeld.

## FEBRUARY

1st. Frantic activity by most State League clubs in preparation of the Ampol Cup due to kick off next week. Preston are seeking the services of **George McMillan** from **Azzurri** (WA) who spent a season on loan with Essendon last year. Essendon-Croatia are after **Tom Cumming** of **Sunshine, Green Gully** announce plans of bringing Maltese international **Willie Vassallo** for two years and **Mooroolbark's** **Gordon McGregor** is training with them.

6th. **Essendon** coach **Duncan McKay** after he has an argument with club president **Joe Siger** over team selection at the weekend's friendly match against Preston. **John Gardiner** will be the new coach. Meanwhile the transaction is completed for **Tom Cumming** to join Essendon; the transfer fee is \$6000.

7th. **Mooroolbark** reject a offer of \$15,000 by a Gaoling team, (probably North Geelong), to take the club's place in the Third Division. Preston become the first State League club to gain major sponsorship. **G. F. Vasilevski** Pty Ltd, builders, back the club to the tune of \$6000 for the year.

12th. Two imports grab the limelight as the Ampol Cup kicks off. **David Perkins** of **Green Gully** and **David O'Brien** of **Albion** score two goals each to help their sides in the victories over **Frankston** and **Albion** respectively. Player coach **John Gardiner** leads **Essendon** to a 2-0 victory over **Hakoah**.

15th. **Jim Shoulder** announces he will not continue as coach of the national team. After three years in the hot seat he reckons he needs a break. He intends to learn more about the game by doing coaching courses in the United Kingdom... \$10,000 transfer listed **South Melbourne Hellas**.

**Duncan McKay** speaks out about his dismissal from **Essendon** "I was sacked because I wouldn't bow to committee people who were sticking their noses into my business" he says. The first round prophet of the Cumberland Cup brings a few surprises. **Monash United** and their coach **Francois Gull** 1-0, **East Brunswick** emerge 2-1 winners over **Heidelberg**, **Greenborough** defeat **Coburg** by the same score and **Essendon City** beat **Kelso Austria** on penalties after a full time scoreline of 4-4.

19th. Second weekend of Ampol Cup action. Star recruit **Lou Adams** breaks a leg after scoring two goals in Preston's 4-0 win over **Albion**. **Albion** coach **Mike Mandello** in a come-back as a player but **Juve** win 1-0 through a **Charlie Smith** penalty. **Bill McCormack** scores a hat-trick in **Albion's** shock 3-0 win over **Slavia**.

22nd. **Jim Shoulder** will be retained as national coach for the visit of the Greek national team in June... **Metropolitan League Club Western Suburbs** snap up **Marion Jaworski** and **Andy Czapnik** from **Polonia** for \$3800 and **John Lutyns** the leading contenders for the Division One championship. **Croydon** wallow holders **Box Hill** 4-1 in the Cumberland Cup with goals by **Lowrey 2, Hamilton (pen) and Murphy**.

25th. Only two weeks after his exit from **Essendon**, **Duncan McKay** is appointed coach of the Victorian State Team to succeed **Ron Smith** who is returning to England.

26th. **Footscray JUST** swoop in to sign Hakoah's **Mike O'Hara** to replace keeper **Dennis Bolland** who will be out for two months through illness. Hakoah get \$3000 and forward **Steve Adamgilkis** in part exchange.

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## MARCH

1st. **George Cross** is hit by transfer requests from keeper **Lou Kastner** and **Ken Reed**. Kastner has put his request in writing and has quit the club in the meantime. Reed is dissatisfied with match payments and claims that part of his signing on fee has not been paid. However he will play on with the club until he finds another. **John Grimsey** becomes the second State League club coach to get the boot. When **Green Gully** return to the Ampol Cup the Barkers had previously asked for \$1000 for him but when they were expelled from the Philips League they failed to place his name and fee on the list of players available for transfer. The ASF stipulated that players not on the list were to be given free transfers.

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At a picnic at Lilydale last weekend, the Yugoslav community raised \$2741 for J.U.S.T.'s appeal.



**Christos Ifandidis** — he scored both goals in Greece's 2-1 victory over an Australian XI at Olympic Park. At left is Joe Picioane of J.U.S.T., making his first appearance in the green and gold.

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